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Title : Devices and Methods for Port-Access Multivessel Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2004, the time to respond having been extended by petition, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.